



PRESS RELEASE
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**The 5th Vancouver Golden Panda International Film Festival (GPIFF)
gets rolling**

VANCOUVER, BC - The 5th annual Vancouver Golden Panda International Film Festival (GPIFF) kicks off today with a series of featured festival events announced.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL CINEMATIC STORYTELLING

An annual celebration of the arts and talent of international emerging filmmakers, GPIFF aims to discover and support emerging filmmaking talent worldwide. A total number of 14 awards will be presented at the 5th GPIFF Awards Ceremony held at Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre on December 10, 2017.

Awards

Feature Film (40mins +)

Best Picture

Best Director

Best Actor

Best Actress

Best Screenplay

Short Film (40mins and under)

Best Short Film

Best Director for Short Film

Best Screenplay for Short

Special Categories (No time-length limit)

Best Documentary

Best Animated Film

Best Humanistic Vision

Special Jury Recommendation

Best Visual Effects

Rising Star Award

ENRICHING CANADIAN FILM LANDSCAPE

This year's GPIFF is launching a series of festival events in the hope to contribute to Vancouver's burgeoning cultural landscape.

Campus Activities

Taking place in September 2017, the month-long Campus Activities call on

film students from across Canada, China and the U.S. to participate in this year's festival by bringing film screenings to institutions while taking festival entries from film students. It aims to better engage the younger generation of filmmakers to take part in industry events.

Public Screening

GPIFF strives to bring bold and appealing works from the world's emerging filmmakers to Vancouverites. Films curated by the GPIFF programming team will be open to festival-goers during the four-day screening.

Date: December 4 - 7, 2017

Venue: Vancity Theatre

Industry Forum

Featuring a series of high-profile speakers and panelists, the Film Industry Forum is set for industry insiders to join in-depth dialogues and discussions with filmmakers from across the world. This year's forum will be based on the theme of *Co-production, Distribution and Incubation*.

Date: December 9, 2017

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver

Industry Party

Following the forum, festival attendees are welcome to join the industry party for a night of cold drinks and music performances while networking with festival guests.

Date: December 9, 2017

Venue: Vancouver Art Gallery

Red Carpet & Awards Ceremony

Festival guests, filmmakers and audience will join the 5th GPIFF Red Carpet and Awards Ceremony for a night to celebrate the talent and craft of global filmmakers. All 14 awards will be presented at the ceremony.

Date: December 10, 2017

Venue: Queen Elizabeth Theatre

SUPPORTING EMERGING FILMMAKERS

GPIFF 2017 will see the launch of the inaugural Project Pitch Event. A total of six high-quality projects will be selected to enter the event, which provides an opportunity for young filmmakers to propose their films to the judging panel and audience. Located in Vancouver, the gateway between North America and Asia-Pacific, the Project Pitch Event aims to integrate filmmaking resources from both places, connect global film industries and assist industry insiders in the further development of potential film projects.

FOSTERING WORLDWIDE COLLABORATIONS

With executives from established North American and Chinese film companies attending the festival, GPIFF gathers resources from the world's top two film industries. Notably, China Film Co., the most influential and dominant film distributor in China will join GPIFF as lead partner. Along with China Film Co., representatives from North American Chinese-language film distributors including China Lion Film Distribution and Well Go USA Entertainment will also partner with this year's GPIFF. With film companies and studios teaming up as festival partners, GPIFF provides a great platform for industry professionals to network and examine potential collaboration opportunities as well as bringing film projects to the global stage.

The 5th Vancouver Golden Panda International Film Festival runs from December 4 to 10, 2017 in Vancouver, Canada. Tickets go on sale starting September 1, 2017.

Festival is now taking film submissions.

To Submit

https://www.withoutabox.com/03film/03t_fin/03t_fin_fest_01over.php?festview=1&festival_id=14177

Deadline

Regular Deadline is September 10, 2017

GPIFF 2017 Promo Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbt5Os3Q37g>

About GPIFF

Held annually in Vancouver, Canada, the Vancouver Golden Panda International Film Festival (GPIFF) celebrates the best of the world's cinematic arts. Our mission is to discover and support international emerging filmmakers, and to foster collaborations in global film industries. A registered non-profit organization, GPIFF was founded in June 2013 by Orient Star Media Inc. and was formerly known as the Golden Panda International Short Film Festival.

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